

PETERS SUSPENDED

Vice-President of Cotton Association Asked to Resign.

ACTION TAKEN BY JORDAN

Charge Made That Vice President Has Been Working Against Association—Action Approved by Majority of the Directors.

President Jordan of the Southern Cotton Association has demanded the resignation of E. S. Peters, vice president of the association.

The action of President Jordan meets with the approval of the executive committee of the association, he having consulted the members of the committee by wire before taking action. After hearing from 17 members of the committee President Jordan telegraphed to Vice President Peters at Washington demanding his resignation and suspending him as an officer of the association.

The action of the president is based upon certain utterances made by Col. Peters at Washington July 31, and his actions there since that time, where he has since remained. President Jordan declares that Col. Peters' statements and actions clearly indicate that he is not in harmony with the president and Secretary Cheatnam in their efforts to push the investigation of the bureau of cotton statistics, nor in harmony with the views of the members of the Southern Cotton Association. It is also charged that he is a partisan of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, whom he openly defends.

OIL RATES MADE UNIFORM.

Sop is Handed Out to Standard Octopus by Railroads.

Sweeping reductions on northbound freight rates on petroleum products so as to make the tariff northbound and southbound uniform, especially noteworthy in view of recent charges of a combination between railroads and the Standard Oil company for exacting higher rates northbound, were announced in new schedules filed with the interstate commerce commission at Washington Friday by the Illinois Central and Louisville and Nashville railroads. The reductions are:

From New Orleans to Chicago, from 41 cents a hundred pounds to 23 cents; to St. Louis, from 35 cents to 18 cents; to Cincinnati, from 39 cents to 22 1/2 cents; and to Louisville, from 35 cents to 18 cents.

The charges of combination were made in a complaint recently filed by the Gulf Refining company of Port Arthur, Texas, which alleged that the difference in the rates between northbound and southbound petroleum operated as a bar to Texas and Louisiana oil entering the territory of the Standard Oil company, but did not permit the Standard Oil company's products to enter territory in the south.

ROOSEVELT AT CHAUTAUQUA.

President Delivers Interesting Address Before Ten Thousand People.

President Roosevelt delivered a notable address at Chautauqua, N. Y., Friday.

Through a line of 800 boys and girls the president was escorted to the assembly amphitheater, his way being strewn with flowers. When he appeared on the platform, President Roosevelt was greeted by 10,000 people with cheers and the chautauqua salute. Bishop Vincent introduced the president to the great audience in a few simple sentences. The president was given an ovation.

The Monroe doctrine, trusts, San Domingo affair and regulation of corporations were the principal features of his address.

"PET" HUSBAND PARDONED.

William Moore of Badger Fame Released from Prison.

William E. Moore, husband of Faye Strahan Moore, who achieved joint notoriety, seven years ago by working a "badger" game on Martin Mahon at the New Amsterdam hotel in New York city, was pardoned Wednesday by Governor Higgins.

Moore was sentenced in December, 1898, for twenty years. A number of prominent citizens of Cleveland, Ohio, where he used to live, including Governor Herriot, signed the petition for his release.

REFUSE TO ARBITRATE STRIKE.

Railroad Officials Have Said Final Word to Telegraphers.

There will be no arbitration of the strike of the telegraphers against the Great Northern railway. That was finally decided Thursday by General Superintendent Shade, who sent word to the reporters that so far as the Great Northern was concerned the strike is a closed incident.

ENVOYS ATTEND CHURCH

Sunday's Conference Was Postponed in Deference to Wishes of Russians—Saturday Meeting Brief.

The envoys of Russia and Japan held two conferences Saturday, one in the morning and the other lasting from 3 to 7 o'clock p. m.

At the morning session the answer of Russia to the demands of Japan was given to the mikado's representatives, who, after considering it, returned for the afternoon conference.

The afternoon conference adjourned for the day at 7 p. m. Both the Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries went at once to the Wentworth hotel in automobiles. Mr. Witte and Ambassador Rosen preceded the Japanese suite.

Shortly after 5 o'clock, Mr. Berg, one of the Russian attaches, was handed a message by Mr. Witte's secretary for immediate transmission to St. Petersburg.

"The Japanese plenipotentiaries, having studied the Russian answer to the conditions, the conference opened at 3 o'clock to proceed to the discussion of the articles, clause by clause. The session was finished at 7 o'clock.

The session of the plenipotentiaries, which was to have been held Sunday afternoon, was postponed by mutual agreement out of reverence to the fact that it was the holy Sabbath, which is universally observed in Russia as a day of rest.

The Russians had not been anxious for a Sunday session, and the Japanese took the initiative, and, through the intermediary of Mr. Pierce, it was decided to postpone the sitting until Monday morning.

Both the Russian peace commissioners attended service at Christ Episcopal church Sunday morning. When the Russians reached the church the two envoys were escorted to the very front pew. On arrival, the rest of the party were shown seats immediately behind those of their chiefs. When the plates for the usual Sunday offering were passed each Russian brought forth a bill, and the congregation given an impressive illustration of the liberality of the Russians.

A somewhat strange coincidence in the service, and one which was the moment startling to the Russians, was the sudden burst from the organ of the Russian anthem, the music to hymn No. 497, which, by chance, formed a part of the prescribed series of Sunday services.

To the national anthem, the Russians sang:

"God save the czar, strong and powerful;

Reign for glory;
Reign for the terror of the enemy.
O, Orthodox Czar! Long live the czar!"

The words in the Hymnal, however, were, in part, these:

"See barbarous nations at Thy gates attend;

Walk in Thy light and in Thy temple bend;

See Thy bright altars thronged with prostrated persons,

While every hand in joyous tribute brings."

Minister Takahira, the Japanese minister, accompanied by Commander Isham Takeshita, the naval attaché of the Japanese legation at Washington, attended the evening service at the Christian church in Kittery, Maine.

It had been announced that Takahira would attend vespers at Christ Episcopal church, where the Russians had been in the morning, and because of inability of the choir to remember the Japanese national anthem, arrangements had been made to sing the British national anthem out of courtesy to the distinguished visitors. But the congregation looked in vain for the Japanese minister. It seems that at the last minute, thinking his going might attract attention, Mr. Takahira decided to go to the Christian church in Kittery, some five miles away, where he was not recognized. The Japanese minister participated in the service.

PRIVATE BURIAL FOR CHAPPELLE

Funeral of Roman Catholic Prelate Restricted as Precautionary Measure.

In order that no unnecessary risks might be taken, it was announced in New Orleans Thursday that the funeral of the late Archbishop Chappelle would be private.

Dr. White said it was a fact accepted by the scientists that yellow fever could not be transmitted by a corpse, but the element of danger would be in attracting to the cathedral an immense assemblage of people from all sections of the city.

OYAMA READY FOR BATTLE.

Jap Field Marshal Only Awaits Result of Peace Conference.

If the negotiations are broken off Oyama will immediately give battle to Linévitch. The Associated Press learns from an unimpeachable source that Oyama's plans are perfected, his armies are ready and only await the signal that a rupture has occurred to launch his campaign.

DOZEN DIE IN WRECK

Passenger and Freight Collides on Nickel Plate Road.

TWENTY-FIVE ARE INJURED

Eight of Those Hurt Are Expected to Die—Disaster Said to Be Attributed to Misreading of the Orders Given the Crew.

A fast east-bound passenger train on the Nickel Plate road collided with a west-bound freight train early Sunday at Kishman, Ohio, near Vermilion, resulting in the death of twelve persons, while at least twenty-five others were injured, eight of whom will probably die. The wreck, according to the officials of the company, was caused by a misunderstanding of orders or neglect to obey them on the part of the crew of the freight train.

The dead are: C. W. Poole, engineer of passenger train; Joseph Alexander, Newark, N. J.; Frank Weaver, Findlay, Ohio, and the following Italian laborers: D. Pomodoro, Antonio Grillo, J. Paraci, F. Buscini, F. Scilla, N. Dirmora, A. T. Chille, G. Travoia, C. Cagliani.

Aside from the engineer, the men killed on the passenger train were all riding in the smoking car at the head of the train, and were mostly foreign laborers in the employ of the Standard Oil company, on their way from Fort Seneca, Ohio, to Brookfield, Ohio, in charge of a foreman. Engineer C. C. Poole of the passenger train was killed at his post while trying to reach for the air brake after seeing the headlight of the freight train. His fireman, Haefner, saved himself by jumping. The high speed of the passenger train threw its locomotive and first three coaches over on the engine of the freight train, telescoping the smoker and the car following. The forward cars of the freight train were splintered to fragments. Of the passengers in the smoker, none escaped uninjured. Fortunately there was no fire. The injured were hurried to Lorain and placed in the hospital there. The dead were conveyed to morgues at Lorain.

When the trains came together almost everybody in the smoker was dozing. The sudden jar hurled them out of their seats into the aisle, and threw several persons to the roof and sides of the car, which seemed all at once to crush in like a paper bag, pinning down each passenger in the position in which he had been caught. The passengers in the second car escaped more easily, as there the violence of the impact was not so severe, although few got off without cuts, bruises, sprains or broken bones. The two rear cars were sleepers, and they withstood the shock without suffering serious harm. No passengers in the sleepers were injured.

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WAS WATCHING HIS HOME

Sensation Develops in Shooting of Cobb by His Wife—Woman Charged with Voluntary Manslaughter.

Mrs. W. H. Cobb, who killed her husband, ex-Senator and County School Commissioner Cobb, at Royston, Ga., Tuesday night, claiming that she mistook him for a burglar, has been charged by the coroner's jury with voluntary manslaughter.

The coroner instructed that the execution of the warrant be held up until after burial services.

It is said that sensational developments will follow the investigation into the affair. According to statements made public, Professor Cobb had received notice about two weeks since that he had better watch his home.

Before the date of the tragedy, which cost the life of the husband, it is alleged, there had been more than one disagreement between himself and his wife, and, owing to the various rumors and reports, sensational developments are expected.

Mrs. Cobb's statement that she mistook her husband for a burglar is doubted by many. It is the general opinion that when Professor Cobb went away, ostensibly to be gone several days, he returned unexpectedly, and that the killing followed.

A sensational feature of the coroner's investigation was the evidence of Dr. J. O. McCrary, who was the first physician to reach the scene after Cobb was shot. He produced before the coroner's jury a revolver and rock which he testified had been found in an outer pocket of the coat worn by the dead man.

Mrs. Cobb's statement to the coroner's jury was as follows:

"Mr. Cobb left home Tuesday morning, telling me that he would not be back until Thursday. Mr. Cobb bought me a pistol in Atlanta since we moved here. This I generally kept under my head, but last night I was reading and had it on my table and left it there.

"I retired about 10:30 o'clock, and woke up some time during the night. I heard a kind of rustling noise at the lower window of my room. I got up and got my pistol. As I approached the window I saw a form some distance from the window. As it went behind the chimney I went to the upper window.

"I went from window to window, two or three times, maybe more. The form seemed to get nearer to the upper window, and I pulled down the shade so that I could see just below it. The form seemed to crouch down. I stood at the upper side of the window and pulled the shade to one side and shot twice.

"After shooting I thought everything. I began to scream and went to send Clifford Ginn after a doctor. I called Mr. Welborn. I couldn't call very loud.

"After shooting I threw the pistol down. I don't know how long it was between shots."

Other witnesses declared that Mr. Cobb was seen on the streets about 10 o'clock at night, but seemed anxious to be unobserved. It seems he had gone out to his farm and, leaving his horse and buggy there, had walked back to town.

Upon post-mortem examination of the wound in the abdomen, it was found that the shot had ranged upward, while the shot in the head ranged downward.

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DIABOLO MADE A MISCUE.

Bicycle Circus Performer Missed Gap and is Dangerously Hurt.

At Helena, Mont., Diavolo, the bicycle rider with the Barnum & Bailey circus, who jumps the gap during the performance, failed to do the trick and fell to the ground, receiving probably fatal injuries.

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TRAIN SMASHES AUTOMOBILE.

Two Occupants Killed and Engine is Thrown from Track.

Deputy Police Commissioner Harris Lindsley of New York city and Miss Eliza P. Willing of Chicago were killed at Pikes' crossing, near Bennington, Vt., Monday afternoon when a train on the Rutland railroad struck the automobile in which they were traveling.

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Jap and Russ Feace Envoys Come to Agreement.

OF SECONDARY IMPORT

These Relate to Korea, Evacuation of Manchuria and Chinese Eastern Railway—Main Features Are Yet to Be Reached.

Although very rapid progress was made with the peace negotiations at Portsmouth Monday, three of the twelve articles which constitute the Japanese conditions of peace, having been agreed to by Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen on behalf of Russia, neither of the two articles to which Mr. Witte in his reply returned an absolute negative was reached. The crisis, therefore, is still to come.

The three "articles," as they are officially designated in the brief communications, authorized to be given to the press, are, in substance, as follows:

"First—Russia's recognition of Japan's 'preponderating influences' and special position in Korea, which Russia henceforth agrees is outside of her sphere of influence, Japan binding herself to recognize the suzerainty of the reigning family, but with the right to give advice and assistance to improve the civil administration of the empire."

"Second—Mutual obligation to evacuate Manchuria, each to surrender all special privileges in that province, mutual obligation to respect the 'territorial integrity' of China and to maintain the principle of equal opportunity for the commerce and industry of all nations in that province (open door)."

"Third—The cession to China of the Chinese Eastern railroad from Harbin southward."

There was never any question about the acceptance on the part of Mr. Witte of these "articles," the first two covering in more emphatic form the contentions of Japan in the diplomatic struggle which preceded hostilities. The third is a natural consequence of the result of war. The cession of the railroad, the building of which cost Russia an immense sum, estimated by some at between \$100,000,000 and \$200,000,000, is to China. Japan and China, therefore, will arrange between themselves the method by which the former is to be remunerated, and through this financial operation, Japan might have a very considerable portion of her claim for the "expenses of the war" liquidated. The railroad is ostensibly the property of the Russo-Chinese bank, although built by government money advanced through the bank, and since its completion, operated, managed and policed by the Russian government.

Japan cannot take the railroad herself. To place herself in Russia's shoes regarding the railroad would be militarily to control the destinies of the three provinces of Manchuria, which she has promised to return to China.

NEW COUNTY BILLS PASSED.

Georgia House Finishes Its Part of Most Important Legislative Work.

Fully sustaining the report of its committee on new counties, the Georgia house of representatives Monday completed its work on the new county bills, passing each one of them just as the committee recommended.

The new county business was concluded when the house passed the bills providing for the creation of Stephens county from parts of Habersham and Franklin, and Toombs county from parts of Emanuel, Tattnall and Montgomery.

The house has thus passed bills providing for the establishment of eight new counties, all that are allowed under the constitutional amendment. The matter of new counties is now up to the senate.

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SOCIAL EQUALITY AFFAIR

Daughter of Wanamaker is Escorted to Dinner by Booker Washington. Denunciatory Comment Results.

A special from Saratoga, N. Y., is as follows: "Booker T. Washington's appearance at dinner yesterday in the great dining room of the United States hotel caused a mild sensation among the diners. Washington was the guest of John Wanamaker, former postmaster general, and acted as escort to Mrs. Barclay Warburton, Mr. Wanamaker's daughter, while Mr. Wanamaker walked to the table with J. R. E. Roberts.

"Washington preached here three times yesterday, first at the Presbyterian church, in the Baptist church, and late in the evening in the African Methodist church."

Cunningham Condemns Booker.

A dispatch from Birmingham, Ala., says: Lieutenant Governor R. M. Cunningham, in a statement made Monday night, vigorously condemns the action of Booker T. Washington in dining publicly with John Wanamaker and his daughter at Saratoga Springs.

"His conduct in accepting those attentions from northern white people," said Lieutenant Governor Cunningham, "proves conclusively that he is an unwise leader of his race. It contradicts emphatically the policies he has preached and the profession he has made. It impairs his usefulness to his people, for while he may be immune from the injury that will follow, they, credulous and ignorant, will suffer incalculably.

"If he had sat down and studied how he could most effectively array the whites against the blacks in the south, he could not have hit upon a plan that would have been more effective than the one he has adopted."

Dr. Stagg Blames Washington.

Dr. J. W. Stagg, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham, said the action of Booker T. Washington, in Saratoga, Sunday, will retard the union of the northern and southern branches of the church for many years.

"John Wanamaker, with whom Washington dined publicly, is a prominent member of the northern Presbyterian church, and all southern members of the church will resent his action. I blame Washington more than Mr. Wanamaker. He knows better, while Mr. Wanamaker does not understand sentiment in the south against anything bordering on racial equality."

MONDAY'S FEVER REPORT.

Fifty-Five New Cases and Twelve Deaths by the Day in New Orleans.

Yellow fever figures for Monday in New Orleans were surprisingly small, considering that nineteen of the cases reported really belonged to Sunday's list, having come in after the closing of Sunday's report. Monday has usually been a heavy day for new cases on account of hold-overs from Sunday, and if the number of new cases for the next few days continues small, then it can be said that the situation is really improving.

The official report for the day was as follows: New cases, 55; total cases to date, 1,618; deaths, Monday, 12; total deaths to date, 166; cases under treatment, 356.

NORWAY VOTES TO BREAK AWAY

Secession from Sweden Approved by an Overwhelming Majority.

The Norwegian people, in a referendum taken Sunday, pronounced in favor of the dissolution of the union with Sweden with remarkable unanimity. Of 450,000 voters, 320,000 cast ballots. The difference between the total number of voters and the number of votes cast is attributable to absentees, such as sailors abroad and others who are out of the country at present.

Thousands of women who did not have the right of franchise, signed petitions in the streets indorsing the dissolution.

LUSTER ADMITS FOUL CRIME.

Says He Placed Pistol to Wife's Head and Pulled the Trigger.

"Yes, I killed her. I bought a powder at the drug store to make her sleep, but she would not. Then, when she was not looking, I put the gun to her head and fired."

The above is the confession of Percy Luster, who killed his wife at Guthrie, Ky., about two weeks ago, to Chief of Detectives Pender, at Ogden, Utah, Friday morning. Luster will return to Guthrie without requisition papers. He is a complete nervous wreck.

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